

Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Leadership

This programme prepares you for a wide range of leadership roles and responsibilities within the rapidly transforming library, archives, records and information management sectors, and beyond.

Graduates will be confident, culturally competent, innovative and collaborative leaders and practitioners who enjoy working with people in a dynamic, future-focused discipline that makes a significant contribution to the quality of the lives of New Zealanders.

Qualification code OP7042

Level > 7

Credits > 120

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website.

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

The Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Leadership will provide learners with a range of skills and practices developing critical leadership skills within the library, archives and records and information management workforce in a chosen specialist field. If currently employed, learners will gain valuable opportunities to incorporate work-related learning that may build on an existing role or equip for new responsibilities.



How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. If you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time, select from the level 6 selection of courses and add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process which you can save and exit from at any time.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
Compulsory courses can be completed in any order		
LIS701	Critical Perspectives for Library and Information Professionals	7
LIS702	Strategy and Planning in Information Organisations	7
LIS703	Leadership and Advocacy for Information Professionals	7
Choose three electives (one must be level 7)		
LIS601	Empowering People and Communities	6
LIS602	Designing Library and Information Services and Programmes	6
LIS603	Knowledge Organisation Systems	6
LIS604	Cultural Competencies in the Information Environment	6
LIS606	Reader Development	6
LIS607	Services and Collections for Children and Teens	6
LIS608	Principles of Information Management	6
LIS609	Digital Asset Management	6
LIS610	Archives Management	6
LIS611	Cataloguing and Classification	6
LIS612	Preservation and Digitisation	6
LIS704	Library and Information Service Professional Practice	7
LIS705	Library and Information Services Project	7

Qualification structure

This programme is made up of six courses worth 20 credits each. There are three compulsory courses, and three elective courses. It is recommended that learners commence their programme of study with the Level 6 electives. The compulsory courses can be completed in any order. At least one Level 7 elective must be selected.

Entry requirements

Applicants must have either an undergraduate degree; or professional experience in the library, archives, records, or information management sectors to the satisfaction of the Degree leader; or successfully completed OP7041 Graduate Certificate in Library and Information Leadership.

Graduates of the following Open Polytechnic programmes will not be eligible for enrolment into this programme:

- OP7040 Bachelor of Library and Information Studies
- OP7020 Bachelor of Arts, Information and Library Studies major, Information and Library Studies/ Humanities double major, Information and Library Studies/Communication double major
- OP7010 Bachelor of Applied Science, Information and Library Studies major

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experiences indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage for more about our English language criteria.

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification, you will be able to:

- Develop leadership and management strategies to promote ethical and effective evidence-based information solutions within communities and organisations to enable open and equitable access to information.
- Lead and innovate in the development and delivery of services, collections, and programmes in the information sector.
- Identify and apply solutions to contemporary issues impacting information professionals.
- Develop stakeholder and community engagement initiatives to collaborate and engage with Māori and Pasifika and other diverse community groups.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand. You will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can study this programme if you're a New Zealand or international citizen living overseas.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.